

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

*In the Matter of Search Warrants Executed on April 9,  
2018*

MICHAEL D. COHEN,

Plaintiff,

- against -

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

18-MJ-3161 (KMW)

**MOTION OF MICHAEL J.  
AVENATTI FOR ADMISSION  
*PRO HAC VICE***

Pursuant to Rule 1.3 of the Local Rules of the United States Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Michael J. Avenatti, hereby moves this Court for an Order for admission to practice *pro hac vice* to appear as counsel for Intervenor Stephanie Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels in the above-captioned action.

I am in good standing of the bar of the State of California and there are no pending disciplinary proceedings against me in any State or Federal Court. I have never been convicted of a felony. I have never been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court. I have attached the affidavit pursuant to Local Rule 1.3.

Dated: May 13, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL J.  
AVENATTI IN SUPPORT OF  
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Michael J. Avenatti, being duly sworn, hereby deposes and says as follows:

1. I am the managing partner of Avenatti & Associates, APC.
  
2. I submit this affidavit in support of my motion for admission to practice *pro hac vice* in the above captioned matter.
  
3. I am the recipient of the 2009 Trial Lawyer of the Year award from the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association. I undertook undergraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania and I graduated at the top of my class from George Washington University Law School, where I presently serve as a member of the Board of Advisors. In 2007, I was named as one of the "Top 20 Lawyers in California Under 40" by *The Daily Journal*. I have tried cases in courts throughout the United States and have served as lead counsel in cases resulting in verdicts and settlements totaling over \$1 Billion since I began my career as an attorney. Included among

these cases is a \$454 Million jury verdict in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (April 2017), which was the largest jury verdict in the State of California and the third largest in the nation during the year 2017. Also included among the cases are the following:

- a. Eden Memorial Park Class Action – reached a successful settlement valued at \$80.5 million in 2014 in the middle of the trial against global deathcare company Service Corporation International in a class action lawsuit alleging that Eden Memorial Park, one of the largest Jewish cemeteries in the United States, routinely engaged in misconduct over many years relating to the care and maintenance of graves and human remains that was not disclosed to purchasers.
- b. Cast Art Industries v. KPMG, LLP – secured a \$31.8 jury verdict in the case (\$40 million with interest and costs), which was reported to be one of the largest in the country in 2008.
- c. Targus Group International, Inc. v. KPMG –reached a successful settlement of an accounting malpractice action on behalf of the plaintiff for an amount reported by the Wall Street Journal as \$22.5 million.
- d. Undisclosed Name – served as lead counsel in connection with a malicious prosecution lawsuit against a company listed on the New York Stock Exchange that settled for \$39 million, an amount believed to be the largest settlement of its kind in U.S. history.
- e. Moss Adams Litigation – Successfully represented over 600 individual investors (through a bankruptcy trustee) who were defrauded through a massive Ponzi scheme (the largest in the history of the Northwest) in which Moss Adams, acting as independent outside auditor, audited some of the offending funds.

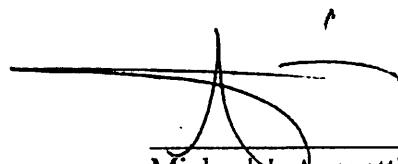
4. As shown in the Certificates of Good Standing annexed hereto I am a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California.

5. There are no pending disciplinary proceedings against me in any State or Federal Court.

6. I have not been convicted of a felony.

7. I have not been censured, suspended, disbarred or denied admission or readmission by any court.

8. Wherefore your affiant respectfully submits that he be permitted to appear as counsel and advocate *pro hac vice* in this one case for Intervenor Stephanie Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels.



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Dated: May 13, 2018

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**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT****CIVIL CODE § 1189**

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of OrangeOn May 13, 2018 before me,

Date

personally appeared

*Hillary C. Wolett, Notary Public*  
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*Michael J. Avendath*

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Name(s) of Signer(s)

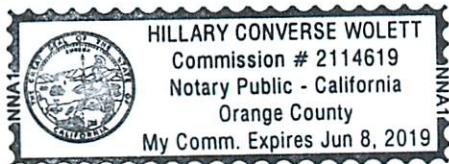
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature *Hillary Wolett*

Signature of Notary Public



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 Corporate Officer — Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Partner —  Limited  General  
 Individual  Attorney in Fact  
 Trustee  Guardian or Conservator  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Supreme Court of California

JORGE E. NAVARRETE

*Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court*

### CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**MICHAEL JOHN AVENATTI**

I, JORGE E. NAVARRETE, Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court of the State of California, do hereby certify that MICHAEL JOHN AVENATTI, #206929, was on the **1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2000**, duly admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in all the courts of this state, and is now listed on the Roll of Attorneys as a member of the bar of this state in good standing.

*Witness my hand and the seal of the court  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.*

JORGE E. NAVARRETE

*Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Rivera, Assistant Deputy Clerk



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## CERTIFICATE OF STANDING

April 26, 2018

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the records of the State Bar, MICHAEL JOHN AVENATTI, #206929 was admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Supreme Court of California on June 1, 2000; and has been since that date, and is at date hereof, an ACTIVE member of the State Bar of California; and that no recommendation for discipline for professional or other misconduct has ever been made by the Board of Trustees or a Disciplinary Board to the Supreme Court of the State of California.

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Velasco".

Denise Velasco  
Custodian of Membership Records

# United States District Court

Central District of California

## CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, KIRY K. GRAY, Clerk of this Court, certify that

Michael J. Avenatti \_\_\_\_\_, Bar No. 206929

was duly admitted to practice in this Court on July 30, 2002  
*DATE*

and is in good standing as a member of the Bar of this Court.

Dated at Los Angeles, California

on April 25, 2018

*Date*

KIRY K. GRAY  
Clerk of Court



*PW* *LJ* *Thrasher*  
Lupe Thrasher, Deputy Clerk

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**ORDER FOR ADMISSION *PRO  
HAC VICE***

The motion of Michael J. Avenatti, for admission to practice *pro hac vice* in the above captioned action is granted.

Applicant has declared that he is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of California; and that his contact information is as follows:

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Applicant having requested admission *Pro Hac Vice* to appear for all purposes as counsel for Intervenor Stephanie Clifford a.k.a. Stormy Daniels in the above entitled action.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Applicant is admitted to practice *pro hac vice* in the above captioned case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

All attorneys appearing before this Court are subject to the Local Rules of this Court, including the Rules governing discipline of attorneys.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States District/Magistrate Judge